

Netherlands. This has, however not been on account of any restrictive regulation by these countries.

A major reason for the larger decline in exports to Russia has been problems relating to delayed allocation of funds under the debt repayment mechanism.

(c) Requisite information is given below :-

Year	Qty. Mn. Kg. Value Rs. Crore	
	Export of tea	
	Qty.	Value
1995-96	163.65	1191.19
1996-97	162.86	1231.85
Source : Tea Board		

(d) Government and the Tea Board have been analysing country-wise exports of tea giving special attention to areas offering potential. Tea Board also acts to remove bottlenecks in exports to individual markets whenever these are noticed.

Other steps taken to increase exports of Indian tea include (i) participation in major trade fairs/exhibitions abroad; (ii) media campaign to increase consumer awareness of speciality of Indian tea and campaign to popularise the Tea Board marketing symbol which stands for pure Indian tea.

Foreign Direct Investment

6615. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has express concern over the growing mismatch between approvals and the actual flow of foreign direct investment into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FICCI also felt that the target set for inflow of \$ 10 billion may not be achieved in view of the present level of investment inflow; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remove the errors likely to be occurred in the expectation of economic growth and the generation of employment and income ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. FICCI has issued a note

on 10th January, 1997 titled "Slow FDI Flow Cause of Concern".

(c) and (d) Sir, there are no targets fixed by the Government for foreign investment. However, in view of the fact that the Common Minimum Programme states that the nation needs and has the capacity to absorb at least US \$ 10 billion a year as Foreign Direct Investment, Government is committed to substantially increasing the inflows of Foreign Direct Investment into the country. The steps taken by the Government include revamping of Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), Constitution of Foreign Investment Promotion Council (FIPC), organising global investment promotion summits like "Destination India", taking up country specific investment promotion initiatives, issue of guidelines for the purpose of bringing transparency in FIPB approval process, expansion of list of industries for automatic approval etc.

[Translation]

Industrial Licences

6616. SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the position regarding issue of industrial licences as on 31st March, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith industrial licences cleared during 1996-97 and pending as on 31st March, 1997 Sector-wise and State-wise in general and Maharashtra State in particular;

(c) the reasons for delay in issuing industrial licences;

(d) whether the Government have worked out to simplify and streamline the licencing procedure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The Government periodically reviews the position regarding issue of industrial licences.

(b) Statement I and II showing the Letters of Intent issued during 1996-97 (Industry-wise and State-wise) are enclosed. Statement III and IV showing the number of Industrial Licence applications (Industry-wise and State-wise) pending as on 31.03.97 are enclosed.

(c) to (e) All steps are taken for the speedy disposal

of applications. Actual disposal of applications depend on the sectoral policy adopted by the Administrative Ministry, their recommendation in specific cases and also furnishing of relevant information by the applicants. It is the endeavour of the Government to simplify and streamline the licensing procedure and recently the Government has simplified the licensing procedure for consideration of applications for industrial licences in the sugar sector.

Statement-I

The Number of Letters of Intent Issued (Industry-wise) during the period 1996-97

Sch.Ind. No.	Name of the Scheduled Industry	Total
1	2	3
01.	Metallurgical Industries	12
02.	Fuels	14
05.	Electrical Equipments	07
06.	Telecommunications	11
07.	Transportation	10
08.	Industrial Machinery	04
09.	Machine Tools	01
12.	Misc. Mechanical & Engg. Industries	07
13.	Commercial Office & House hold equpts	01
19.	Chemicals (Other than fertilizers)	50
22.	Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	07
23.	Textiles	99
24.	Paper & Pulp	09
25.	Sugar	183
26.	Fermentation Industry	01
27.	Food Processing Industry	12
28.	Vanaspathi Vegetable Oil & Fats	02
29.	Soap Cosmetics & Toiletry	01
31.	Leather	14
33.	Glass	01

1	2	3
34.	Ceramics	03
35.	Cement & Gypsum Products	19
36.	Timbeer Products	07
38.	Miscellaneous Industries	09
Total		484

Note : Sch.Ind. No. Scheduled Industry Number

Statement-II

Statement showing the LOIs Issued (State-wise) for the year 1996-97

S.No.	Name of the State	Total
1	2	3
01.	Andhra Pradesh	54
02.	Assam	2
03.	Bihar	11
04.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
05.	Daman & Diu	2
06.	Delhi	1
07.	Gujarat	29
08.	Haryana	16
09.	Himachal Pradesh	3
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
11.	Karnataka	53
12.	Kerala	02
13.	Madhya Pradesh	13
14.	Maharashtra	62
15.	Orissa	12
16.	Pondicherry	03
17.	Punjab	19
18.	Rajasthan	06
19.	Tamil Nadu	92

1	2	3
20.	Uttar Pradesh	85
21.	West Bengal	17
22.	Other States/UTs	NIL
Total		484

Statement-III

*The Pending IL Applications Industry-wise
as on 31.03.1997*

Schedule Industry No.	No. of Applications pending
1	2
Metallurgical Industries	3
Fuels	13
Electrical Equipment	4
Transportation	1
Machine Tools	2
Misc. Mech. & Engg. Industries	1
Com. Office & H. hold Eqpt.	1
Chemicals (Other than Fert.)	29
Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	10
Textiles	19
Paper & Pulp	4
Sugar	286
Fermentation Industry	99
Food Processing Industry	5
Soap Cosmetics & Toilet Prep.	1
Leather	3
Glue & Gelatin	1
Cement & Gypsum Products	12
Timber Products	4
Miscellaneous Industries	3
Total	501

Statement-IV

*The Pending IL Applications State-wise
as on 31.03.1997*

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	Appl. pending
1	2	3
01.	Andhra Pradesh	36
02.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
03.	Bihar	12
04.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
05.	Daman & Diu	3
06.	Goa	5
07.	Gujarat	10
08.	Haryana	21
09.	Himachal Pradesh	3
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
11.	Karnataka	67
12.	Kerala	4
13.	Madhya Pradesh	44
14.	Maharashtra	45
15.	Manipur	1
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Nagaland	1
18.	Orissa	4
19.	Pondicherry	1
20.	Punjab	11
21.	Rajasthan	9
22.	Tamil Nadu	69
23.	Uttar Pradesh	135
24.	West Bengal	12
25.	More Than One State	2
26.	Other States/UTs	NIL
Total		501